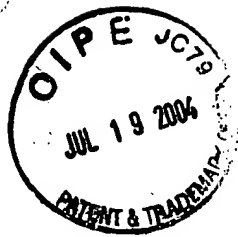


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Beverly Sparks

Application No.: **09/767,485**

Filed: **January 22, 2001**

For: **Resposable Sterilization and Transport Unit**

Art Unit: 1744

Examiner: **Krisanne Jastrzab**
(formerly Thornton)

RESPONSE

5 Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

10 Sir:

Surcharge under 1.17(a)(1):

Applicant respectfully submits this response in the fourth month following the mailing date of the first office action, having a mailing date of March 24, 2004. Accordingly a fee of

15 \$55.00 is attached herewith. Applicant is a small entity.

In the claims:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, kindly amend the subject
20 application as follows:

1. (Once amended) A resposable container usable for storage, transport, disposal and sterilization of contents, the container comprising: a) an enclosable area comprised of a series

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